



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 19, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Gary Gilmore, Vice-Chair Dave Dinzeo, Kate Surman, Lynn Peterson, Doug Kemp, Council Liaison, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski

Alternate Members Present: Deborah Clough

Alternate Members Excused: Chris Sleys

Alternate Members Unexcused Absent: Tim Casey

Staff Present: Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator; Nancy Usbelger, Recording Secretary

Citizen: Christine Baber – Dover Plastic Reduction Group

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Baber talked about a group that works with communities that tries to reduce solid waste called Just Zero. Peter Blare from the company will be holding a presentation about Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This is a group that deals with waste from problematic products from residents and municipalities. There are six states have Extended Producer Responsibility Laws. The committee has sent forward a draft of an EPR bill that they are hoping will get passed by the legislation. Should it be passed, it will reduce waste going into landfill, as well as issues with products that we can't recycle. It will encourage people to research and use different forms of packaging to help the environment. She also shared that two restaurants in Dover and two in Portsmouth that will be using different containers which will be reusable containers for takeout. They will be doing studies on how it is working. They are hoping to launch in January 2024. This will be the first launch in New Hampshire.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2023

Motion: Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes, Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

Moore went over the financials.

5. Recycling Center

A. Curbside Leaf Pickup Dates

Week of 10/30 – 12/4

B. Sunday Hours 11/5 – 12/10

8:30 am-12-30 pm

Moore talked about the new barrier pipes at the recycling center. He shared how residents have been destructive with them since they have been put in. He is going to try to have all four employees work every Saturday and if someone is having a hard time they will assist them. He also shared that during curbside leaf pick up, they usually pick up around 115 – 150 tons of leaves.

6. New Business

None



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7. Old Business

Feasibility Study Update

Moore first spoke about the Hazardous waste day that was at the end of August. There were about 418 cars that came that day. He spoke about the traffic congestion that happened due to the amount of people this year that attended.

Moore then shared info about Kessler & Kessler and how they are looking to give a final report to a council workshop hopefully sometime in March or April. The three players are Waste Management and Casella. The companies were asked if they would continue to service Dover if we left Bag & Tag the same? During a 5 – 10-year contract both companies stated that they would require a transition away from the bag and tag program and look to make Dover's program fully automated. Casella is doing the same thing in Concord, NH. He spoke with Peter Engel from Kessler & Kessler and his final report going to council is going to be the City of Dover taking over the whole program fully automated, as well as contracting out so they will have a comparison.

8. Set Future Meeting Dates

November 9, 2023

9. Adjournment

Motion: Dinzeo made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a